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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A/B. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Applicant notes that the present application contains related subject matter to U.S. Application No. 10/685,052 filed October 14, 2003, now granted U.S. Patent No. 7,282,532 issued October 16, 2007; U.S. Application No. 11/025,125 filed December 29, 2004; U.S. Application No. 11/025,175 filed December 29, 2004, now abandoned; U.S. Application No. 11/025,108 filed December 29, 2004; U.S. Application No. 11/025,038 filed December 29, 2004; U.S. Application No. 11/810,369 filed June 5, 2007; U.S. Application No. 11/598,553 filed November 13, 2006; U.S.

Application No. 10/313,346 filed December 6, 2002, now granted U.S. Patent No. 7,028,367 issued April 18, 2006; U.S. Application No. 11/358,525 filed February 21, 2006, now granted U.S. Patent No. 7,373,687 issued May 20, 2008 and U.S. Application No. 12/123,306 filed May 19, 2008.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).


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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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